## Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1 1 (Currently Amended). A fault monitoring method, comprising the steps 2 of: 3 providing a plurality of portable radio communication terminals in 4 a commodity management system, each of which manages commodities by 5 communicating with an inventory controller via a radio communication 6 base station; 7 automatically executing a test of a radio communication section in 8 an arbitrary portable radio communication terminals terminal when a 9 number of retrying times of radio communication between said the 10 arbitrary portable radio communication terminals terminal and said radio 11 communication base station exceeds a predetermined number of times; and 12 displaying a fault of said radio communication section on a display 13 section of said the arbitrary portable radio communication terminals 14 terminal when said fault occurs and 15 wherein a call time interval of retrying said radio communication 16 between said the arbitrary portable radio communication terminals 17 terminal and said radio communication base station is set longer than an 18 average communication time of said radio communication between each of 19 said portable radio communication terminals and said radio 20 communication base station in said commodity management system. 1 2 (Currently Amended). A fault monitoring method of a plurality of 2 portable radio communication terminals used in a commodity management 3 system, each of which manages commodities by communicating with an 4 inventory controller via a radio communication base station, said fault 5 monitoring method comprising:

6	a step of automatically executing a test of a radio communication
7	section in an arbitrary portable radio communication terminals terminal
8	when a number of retrying times of radio communication between said the
9	arbitrary portable radio communication terminals terminal and said radio
10	communication base station exceeds a predetermined number of times; and
11	a step of displaying a fault of said radio communication section on
12	a display section of said the arbitrary portable radio communication
13	terminals terminal when said fault occurs,
14	wherein a call time interval of retrying said radio communication
15	between said the arbitrary portable radio communication terminals
16	terminal and said radio communication base station is set longer than an
17	average communication time of said radio communication between each of
18	said portable radio communication terminals and said radio
19	communication base station in said commodity management system.
1	3 (Currently Amended). A fault monitoring method of a plurality of
2	portable radio communication terminals used in a commodity management
3	system, each of which manages commodities by communicating with an
4	inventory controller via a radio communication base station, said fault
5	monitoring method:
6	a step of automatically executing a test of a radio communication
7	section in an arbitrary portable radio communication terminals terminal
8	when a number of retrying times of radio communication between said the
9	arbitrary portable radio communication terminals and said radio
10	communication base station exceeds a predetermined number of times; and
11	a step of displaying a fault of said radio communication section on
12	a display section of said the arbitrary portable radio communication
13	terminals terminal when said fault occurs,
14	wherein said test for said radio communication section is executed
15	after checking that said radio communication between each of said

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16 portable radio communication terminals other than said the arbitrary 17 portable radio communication terminals terminal and said radio 18 communication base station is vacant continuously in a case out of an 19 execution prohibiting time zone in said commodity management system. 1 4 (Currently Amended). The fault monitoring method of a plurality of 2 portable radio communication terminals used in a commodity management 3 system according to Claim 3, wherein said test for said radio 4 communication section is executed after passing a predetermined time by 5 returning to a check of a vacant state in said case out of said execution 6 prohibiting time zone in said commodity management system when said 7 radio communication between each of said portable radio communication 8 terminals other than said the arbitrary portable radio communication 9 terminals terminal and said radio communication base station and is waited for until said vacant state. 10 1 5 (Previously Presented). The fault monitoring method of a plurality of 2 portable radio communication terminals used in the commodity 3 management system according to Claim 3, wherein said test for said radio 4 communication section is executed after passing a predetermined time by 5 returning to a check of said execution prohibiting time zone of said test in 6 a case in said execution prohibiting time zone in said commodity 7 management system and is waited for until out of said execution 8 prohibiting time zone. 1 6 (Previously Presented). The fault monitoring method of a plurality of 2 portable radio communication terminals used in a commodity management 3 system according to Claim 4, wherein said test for said radio 4 communication section is executed after passing a predetermined time by 5 returning to a check of said execution prohibiting time zone of said test in

U	a case in said execution promotting time zone in said commodity
7	management system and is waited for until out of said execution
8	prohibiting time zone.
1	7 (Currently Amended). A storage medium storing a fault monitoring
2	program to cause a computer to carry out a fault monitoring method of a
3	plurality of portable radio communication terminals in a commodity
4	management system, each of which manages commodities by
5	communicating with an inventory controller via a radio communication
6	base station, said fault monitoring method comprising:
7	a step of automatically executing a test of a radio communication
8	section in an arbitrary portable radio communication terminals when a
9	number of retrying times of radio communication between said the
10	arbitrary portable radio communication terminals terminal and said radio
11	communication base station exceeds a predetermined number of times; and
12	a step of displaying a fault of said radio communication section on
13	a display section of said the arbitrary portable radio communication
14	terminals terminal when said fault occurs, and
15	wherein a call time interval of retrying said radio communication
16	between said the arbitrary portable radio communication terminals
17	terminal and said radio communication base station is set longer than an
18	average communication time of said radio communication between each of
19	said portable radio communication terminals and said radio
20	communication base station in said commodity management system.
1	8 (Currently Amended) A fault monitoring program to cause a computer
2	to carry out a fault monitoring method of a plurality of portable radio
3	communication terminals in a commodity management system, each of
4	which manages commodities by communicating with an inventory
5	controller via a radio communication base station, said fault monitoring

6	method comprising:
7	a step of automatically executing a test of a radio communication
8	section in an arbitrary portable radio communication terminals terminal
9	when a number of retrying times of radio communication between said the
10	arbitrary portable radio communication terminals terminal and said radio
11	communication base station exceeds a predetermined number of times; and
12	a step of displaying a fault of said radio communication section on
13	a display section of said the arbitrary portable radio communication
14	terminals terminal when said fault occurs, and
15	wherein a call time interval of retrying said radio communication
16	between said the arbitrary portable radio communication terminals
17	terminal and said radio communication base station is set longer than an
18	average communication time of said radio communication between each of
19	said portable radio communication terminals and said radio
20	communication base station in said commodity management system.